

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 17-64 are pending in the application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 2, 5-15, 25-54, and 56-64 were withdrawn by the Examiner pursuant to a species election. Claim 1 has been amended to further clarify the invention. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 3, 4, 17-24, and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent no 5,500,138 to Bacon *et al.* ("Bacon"). Applicants respectfully traverse and obviate the rejection.

On pages 2-4 of the Office Action, it alleges that it would have obvious at the time the invention was made to make such a composition because this reference (Bacon) teaches that all of the ingredients recited by applicants are suitable for inclusion in a surfactant composition. Applicants respectfully submit that Bacon does not disclose or suggest each and every limitation of the present invention as amended. Claim 1 has been amended to include from about 1% to about 25% principal solvent or mixture of solvents having a ClogP of from about -2.0 to about 2.6. Bacon does not disclose or even suggest the presence of a principal solvent, much less from about 1% to about 25% principal solvent having a ClogP of from about -2.0 to about 2.6. Thus, Bacon does not disclose or suggest each and every limitation of the present invention. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

With regard to all claims not specifically mentioned, these are believed to be allowable not only in view of their dependency on their respective base claims and any intervening claims, but also for the totality of features recited therein.

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner disagree, Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants to arrange for a telephonic interview in an effort to expedite the prosecution of this matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks, reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. Please charge any required fees to Procter & Gamble Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

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